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AGENDA

The agenda of the forty-ninth session, as adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its 3rd meeting on 5 August 1997, is reproduced below:

1. Organization of work:

   (a) Election of officers;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda;

   (c) Methods of work of the Sub-Commission.

2. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).

3. Comprehensive examination of thematic issues relating to the elimination of racial discrimination:

   (a) Situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

   (b) Xenophobia.

4. The realization of economic, social and cultural rights:

   (a) The international economic order and the promotion of human rights;

   (b) The realization of the right to development;

(c) The question of transnational corporations;

(d) The realization of the right to education, including education in human rights.

5. The implementation of the human rights of women:

(a) Traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child;

(b) The role and equal participation of women in development.

6. Contemporary forms of slavery.

7. Human rights of indigenous peoples:

(a) Indigenous peoples and their relationship to land.

8. Prevention of discrimination against and the protection of minorities.

9. The administration of justice and human rights:

(a) Question of human rights and states of emergency;

(b) Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles and the judicial protection of children;

(c) Gross and massive violations of human rights as an international crime;

(d) Juvenile justice.

10. Freedom of movement:

(a) The right to leave any country, including one's own, and to return to one's own country, and the right to seek asylum from persecution;

(b) Human rights and population displacements.

10. bis Promotion and protection of human rights of children and youth.

11. Review of further developments in fields with which the Sub-Commission has been or may be concerned:

(a) The fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(b) Review of developments concerning recommendations and decisions relating, inter alia, to:

(i) Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels;

(ii) Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief;

(iii) Encouragement of universal acceptance of human rights instruments;

(c) Review of issues not previously the subject of studies but which the Sub-Commission had decided to examine:

(i) Implications of humanitarian activities for the enjoyment of human rights;

(ii) Terrorism and human rights;

(iii) International peace and security as an essential condition for the enjoyment of human rights, above all the right to life;

(d) Other new developments:

(i) Adverse consequences of the transfer of arms and illicit trafficking in arms on the enjoyment of human rights;

(ii) Arbitrary deprivation of nationality.

12. Communications concerning human rights; report of the Working Group established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).

13. Concluding items:

(a) Consideration of the future work of the Sub-Commission;

(b) Draft provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Sub-Commission;

(c) Adoption of the report on the forty-ninth session.

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